

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

# **№ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost № September 19, 2021**

Today, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest, Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

# **₩** Gathering **₩**

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Valsa da Dor

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)

Welcome

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## Call to Worship

**Psalm 1**Please stand as you are able.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

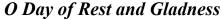
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

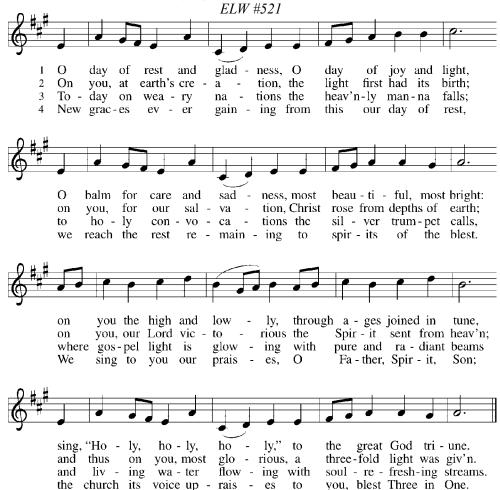
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

### **Gathering Hymn**

vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, & vs 4 All.







Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

# **Apostolic Greeting**

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **₩ Word ₩**

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community. as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

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### Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Stranger, friend, and neighbor too, He loves them as He loves you.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

# Presentation of Children's Bibles

Children's Message
Please be seated.

## **Dismissal Song**



# Reading James 3:13 - 4.3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

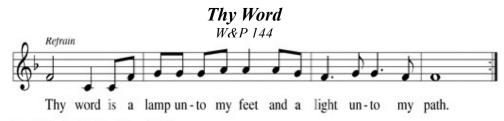
C: Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Verse**

Please stand as you are able.

# **St. Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.



Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960 Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Sermon

Please be seated

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.



# Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



### Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953 Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard Text and music © 1977 Scripture In Song (c/o Integrity's Hosanna Music)/ASCAP, c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Coady Road, Mobile AL 36695.

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# **Prayers of the Church**

In honor of the United Nations Day of Peace on September 21, we will follow the litany For the Healing of the Nations, by John D. Becker, from the Litany of the Saints.

Please sing with the choir...

### Peace be yours.

Please echo the choir's final petition...

For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God.

- P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
- C: Amen.

# **Greeting of Peace**

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

# **₩** Offering **₩**

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week.

We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

### Anthem

Please be seated.

## Children of the Heavenly Father

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Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather Nestling bird nor star in Heaven Such a refuge e'er was given

God, His own doth tend and nourish In His holy courts they flourish From all evil things He spares them In His mighty arms He bears them

Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne?er forsaketh His, the loving purpose solely To preserve them, pure and holy



# Offertory

Please stand as you are able.





Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

# **Offertory Prayer**

A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; t hrough Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### **₩** Meal **₩**

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right and salutary... we praise you name and join their unending hymn:





**Words of Institution** 

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again... Amen.

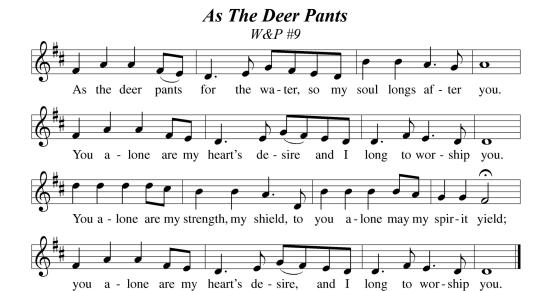
Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.





Text: Martin J. Nystrom

Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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### Distribution

Please be seated.

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is positioned in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you towards the front of the church for communion.

### **Distribution Music**

#### A Lenda do Caboclo

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)

### Sarabanda

Glauco Velásquez (1884-1914)

# Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

# Post-Communion Prayer

- A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

# **¥** Sending **¥**

We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.

# **Sending Hymn**



### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

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### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

# Announcements

Please be seated.

### Dismissal

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P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

### Impressões Seresteiras

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.

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# **W**ELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

Your Worship Leaders today	Pastor	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Organist	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
	Worship Assistant	Michelle McCreery
	Communion Assistant	Mark Duff
	Reader	David Ackerman
	Altar Servers	Carolyn & David Hagford
	Usher	Denise Wilkins
	Coffee Hosts	Linda Nelson
Church Officers	President	Chanda Olson
	Vice President	Marty Carlson
	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
	Secretary	Jon Sprain
Staff	Pastor	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Director of Music	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
	Children's Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Worship Technical Director	Joseph LaMere
	Office Manager	_
	Design & Communication Director	
	Custodian/Caretakers	Sarah & Trevor Skorburg

Please note: If you are unable to attend in-person Worship, remember that our Service is live-streamed each week & remains available for subsequent viewing on our <u>YouTube channel</u>

# **C**ALENDAR

Sunday, September 19	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary & YouTube
		Sunday School	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 ам	Coffee Hour	Patio
Monday, September 20		AA	
Tuesday, September 21	9:15 ам	Prayer Ministry	
	5:15 рм	Women's SA Group	
	5:45 рм	United Nations Day of Peace	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 рм	Men's AA	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 рм	AA/Spiritual Recovery	
Wednesday, September 22	10:00 ам	Bible Study	Library/Zoom
	12:00 ам	Staff Meeting	Christy Room/Zoom
	4:00 рм	Confirmation	Sanctuary
	7:00 рм	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, September 23	12:00 рм	Al Anon	Sanctuary
Friday, September 24	5:00 рм	LOTI Book Club	Home of Debra Gilroy
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary & YouTube
		Sunday School	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 ам	Coffee Hour	Patio

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Prayer List**

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Matthew Moen, Anna Lena Skold; Colin Mason, friend of the Amann family; Bill Schouviller, friend of Phyllis Dahl; Sam Pederson, nephew of Jennifer Cook; Jim Peterson, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin; David Beebe, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin and John Fitch; Beth Addington, Howard Thorsheim, friend of John Bergford; Graham Rawle, friend of Michelle McCreery & Mark Duff.

#### Fun Raiser!

We will host a Fun Raiser! on October 10, at 5pm at the home of Michelle & Bernie Reisberg.

We will present a small silent auction and program. Participants will have the option of dine-in or takeaway meals, as part of our celebration, with a *suggested donation of \$10*.

#### **MENU**

Mixed Green Salad & Sherry Vinaigrette Green Beans & Lemon Olive Oil Farro with Capers, Olives & Tomatoes Poached Salmon, Cucumbers, Crème Fraîche & Pink Peppercorns

Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Fennel Crust & Arugula Filone Italian Baguette Cambazola, Pecorino, & Parmesan Cheeses

LOTI Chocolate Salami & Cherries

Look for your email invitation... *RSVP* by OCT 4. Fun Raiser!

#### Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

### **Loved Ones In The Military**

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



### **Our Saviour's Housing Meals in 2021**

For many years, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal on the first Friday each month.

Due to changes at the shelter, we are providing \$230 - \$250 (a recent adjustment to the amount) to cover the meal each month.

Thank you to Carol Kuehn, Vicki Kuehn-Larson, & Rebecca, Morell for AUG 6.

David & Mary Goplen donated for SEPT 3.

Mark & Kathy Hering donated for OCT 1.

Mary Sabatke & family donated for NOV 4.

Cherie Moe donated for DEC 3.

Update: The shelter will transition to a different type of facility in the coming month and needs will change once more.

For information, contact <u>Cheri Moe</u> or (952) 431-5226. oscs-mn.org

# ~HAPPY BIRTHDAY!~

Heather Jacoby 9/19 Brittany Lawonn 9/19 Charlie Gruys 9/20 Katherine Bracken 9/20 Pamela Aagaard 9/20 David Hagford 9/22 Miles Gruys 9/23

# **United Nations International Day of Peace Tuesday, September 21**

Each year, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on **September 21.** The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

Please join us for a time of meditation and music honoring this day from 5:45-6:30 PM on the Patio.

#### LOTI Book Club

Book Club starts **September 24** at the home of *Debra* Gilroy at 5:00 pm. The book for September is Strength of His Hand, by Lynn Austin. Please bring your book, a light snack to share and a willingness to laugh, love and learn.

### **Sunday School Registration**

You can still register your children for Sunday School (in-person or remote)! Sunday School is offered for children who are age 3 by September 1 through 6th grade. Children registered for in-person Sunday School will be dismissed after the Children's Message and will return at the start of Communion. We do require masks of all ages during Sunday School. Contact Diane LaMere

## Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children age 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that you are able to adhere to our safety guidelines currently in place (masks, physical distancing etc) and that a parent/guardian accompany your child to Sunday School so that we can explain guidelines etc.

# **Kid Worship Materials**

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.











### Women's Bible Study

The first Women's Bible Study for the year will begin on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 PM in the Church Library. The book we will be studying is Children of the Day, by Beth Moore which can be purchased through Amazon or your favorite bookstore. The schedule for the year is September 30, October 7, November 4, December 2, January 20, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 & June 2. For more information, contact Debra Gilroy, or visit LOTI Groups.

### **Staffed Nursery Available in Christy Room**

Welcome to our youngest friends in the congregation! We know that you sometimes need another space to be in during worship to get your wiggles and giggles out. Our **Nursery** is staffed and available for your little one to use. Ushers can help you with directions or follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary. We currently have a capacity of 3 children in the Christy Room, on a first come, first served basis.

## **Tech Support Needed**

We are seeking individuals who would be interested in assisting Joseph LaMere in live streaming worship services at LOTI. Prior experience is not necessary. Training will be provided for both audio & video production.

Please contact Pastor Haug for more information.



1936-2021 God's Help, Our Hands

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